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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

JUNE 14, 1974

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

MY REQUEST OF MAY 28TH TO RESIGN NOT HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED,
I NOW FEEL COMPELLED UNILATERALLY TO TERMINATE MY APPOINTMENT
EFFECTIVE TODAY.

(S) RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
PAUL H. NITZE

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATEMENT BY PAUL H. NITZE

IT WAS ALMOST TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO TODAY THAT I SUPERVISED THE ON-SITE INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE ATOMIC WEAPONS DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. SINCE THAT TIME MUCH OF MY THOUGHT AND ENDEAVOR HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE TWIN GOALS OF PRESERVING THE GENERAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES WHILE LOWERING THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR WAR.

FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS I HAVE DEVOTED ALL MY ENERGIES TO SUPPORTING THE OBJECTIVE OF NEGOTIATING SALT AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE BALANCED AND WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALSO OF THE SOVIET UNION, BY MAINTAINING CRISIS STABILITY AND PROVIDING A BASIS FOR LESSENING THE STRATEGIC ARMS COMPETITION BETWEEN THEM. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, I SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATING MEASURES WHICH WILL ENHANCE MOVEMENT TOWARD THOSE OBJECTIVES.

ARMS CONTROL POLICY IS INTEGRAL TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY OF THIS NATION AND THEY, IN TURN, ARE CLOSELY INTERTWINED WITH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. IN MY VIEW, IT WOULD BE ILLUSORY TO ATTEMPT TO IGNORE OR WISH AWAY THE DEPRESSING REALITY OF THE

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TRAUMATIC EVENTS NOW UNFOLDING IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL AND OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA.

UNTIL THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTION AND TAKING CARE OF THE FAIR EXECUTION THE LAWS, AND THUS BE ABLE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AT HOME AND ABROAD, I SEE NO REAL PROSPECT FOR REVERSING CERTAIN UNFORTUNATE TRENDS IN THE EVOLVING SITUATION. TIME IS NOW OF THE ESSENCE IN ESTABLISHING THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR SUCH A REGENERATION.

IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ORDERLY PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT CONTINUE. IT IS THE GENIUS OF THE UNITED STATES FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT IT HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFICIENCIES. ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN THE ORDERLY PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT DESPITE THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THEIR LOYALTY TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AND THEIR LOYALTY TO THEIR OATH OF OFFICE HAVE MY FULL SYMPATHY AND ADMIRATION. I REGRET THAT THAT TENSION HAS NOW BECOME TOO GREAT FOR ME TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE WITH THEM. AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN I SHALL SUPPORT THEM TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

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(ARMS NEGOTIATOR)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PAUL NITZE RESIGNED TODAY FROM THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM AT THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS, INDICATING THE "DEPRESSING REALITY" OF WATERGATE MADE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS UNLIKELY.

IN A ONE SENTENCE LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND DATED TODAY, NITZE SAID, "MY REQUEST OF MAY 28 TO RESIGN NOT HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED, I NOW FEEL COMPELLED UNILATERALLY TO TERMINATE MY APPOINTMENT TODAY."

HIS RESIGNATION CAME EVEN AS COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV SAID IN MOSCOW THE SOVIET UNION IS READY TO AGREE WITH THE U.S. TO RESTRICT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS. NITZE WAS CHIEF PENTAGON NEGOTIATORS ON THE U.S. SALT TALKS TEAM.

NITZE IS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES SCHLESINGER FOR THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. HE IS A DEMOCRAT WHO SERVED DURING THE EIGHT KENNEDY-JOHNSON YEARS AS ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY, NAVY SECRETARY, AND DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY.

IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, NITZE SAID, "IT WOULD BE ILLUSORY TO ATTEMPT TO IGNORE OR WISH AWAY THE DEPRESSING REALITY OF THE TRAUMATIC EVENTS NOW UNFOLDING IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL AND OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA....

"UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...I SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATING MEASURES WHICH WILL ENHANCE MOVEMENT TOWARD (SLOWING THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE)."

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MEMORANDUM TO CORRESPONDENTS

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EFFECTIVE TODAY, DR. JAMES P. WADE WILL BE HANDLING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE IMPORTANT AREA OF STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS.

DR. WADE HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS MATTERS FOR SOME TIME AS MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING.

JAMES P. WADE, JR.

JAMES P. WADE, JR., WAS BORN IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI ON DECEMBER 26, 1930. HE RECEIVED A B.S. DEGREE IN ENGINEERING FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK IN 1953; AN M.S. IN PHYSICS IN 1959, AND A PH.D. IN PHYSICS IN 1961 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. HE GRADUATED FROM THE U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE IN 1966.

IN 1955-1957, DR WADE WAS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE IN PARIS, FRANCE. IN 1961 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE PHYSICS STAFF OF THE LAWRENCE RADIATION LABORATORY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA. IN 1966, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE J-3 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE, USCINCEUR, PARIS FRANCE. IN 1967, HE WAS APPOINTED A STAFF SPECIALIST IN THE STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY OFFICE OF THE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. IN 1970, HE JOINED THE STAFF OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING (STRATEGIC AND SPACE SYSTEMS), DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IN 1972, HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OSD SALT SUPPORT GROUP,

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING (STRATEGIC SYSTEMS). HE PARTICIPATED AS THE SENIOR OSD STAFF ADVISOR ON THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS WITH THE U.S.S.R. IN 1973, HE WAS ASSIGNED THE ADDITIONAL TASK OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NET TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORY OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. DR. WADE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY AND THE SOCIETY OF THE SIGMA XI.

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